

June 251

Decius was killed in battle  
against the Goths at ABRITTUS in  
MOESIA.

On the death of Decius, the defeated Roman Army chose Gaius Vibius  
trubionianus Gallus.

He was a senator, had served as consul  
and as governor of Upper Moesia from  
250.

He adopted Decius's surviving younger  
son Gaius Valens Hostilianus Messius  
Quintus, whom Decius had left at Rome

Hostilius was proclaimed joint  
emperor with Gallus, while Gallus's  
son Gaius Vibius Valusianus was  
given the rank of Caesar.

AD251

St Cyprian ordered the names of Christian Confessors to be recorded so that their anniversaries could be kept with those of the martyrs.

251

HISTILIANUS  
after Decius  
before Gallus

251-356

St Anthony  
achieved a real sanctity through  
fasting and prayer.

June 25<sup>th</sup>

## Tribonianus Galus Accersim

His wife was Afania Gemma  
Baebiana

children: son Galus Vibius  
Volusianus and a daughter  
Vibia Gallia.

It was a troubled reign of Galba, beset by Goths, the Persians, and the plague. Eager to make his appearance at Rome, Galba made peace with the Goths, allowing them to retain the booty and Roman captives, and agreeing to pay them an annual tribute. He returned to Rome, where he found the city in the grip of the plague. One of the early consuls was his adopted son Hostilius, who

died around July 251. In his place, Gallus raised his own son VOLUSIANUS to the rank of emperor.

Gallus won the affection of the people of Rome by taking steps to ensure proper burial for even the poorest victims of the plague. But this disaster was coupled with serious setbacks on both the northern and eastern frontiers.

251-253

DURANT

Gallus emperor

251

DURANT

Cornelius. Bishop of Rome

By Easter the persecution was practically at an end.

251 → 253 reigned      born?    died 253?

GALLUS - Was elected emperor  
by Senate and soldiers

AD 251

Smallpox epidemics

251AD

Novation, an antipope was  
condemned at Rome

251AD - 253AD

Gallus Emperor

Decius killed in great defeat  
at FORUM TREBONI.

Peace made with Sogdis  
by the new emperor Gallus.